

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 15-cr-20652

Case No. 20-cr-20187

vs.

HON. SEAN F. COX

United States District Judge

D-1 BILLY ARNOLD,

Defendant.

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**GOVERNMENT’S RESPONSE TO ATTORNEY RICHARD JASPER’S
MOTION TO WITHDRAW (ECF No. 1924)**

On April 10, 2023, attorney Richard Jasper filed a motion to withdraw as counsel for defendant Billy Arnold. Several years prior, Mr. Jasper was appointed as learned counsel to represent the defendant after the government filed notice to seek the death penalty. However, on September 13, 2021, the government filed a notice of withdrawal of the death penalty. Nonetheless, Mr. Jasper continued as one of Arnold’s attorneys for the trial conducted in the fall of 2022, which resulted in a mistrial. According to Mr. Jasper, he was continued as counsel on this matter for the limited purpose of exploring a resolution of the case prior to the retrial. Under the circumstances, the government takes no position on the request of Mr. Jasper and defers to the sound discretion of the Court.

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I hereby certify that on April 26, 2023, the foregoing document was electronically filed by an employee of the United States Attorney's Office with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system, which will send a copy to the applicable attorneys of record.

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